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1. KOREAN CHARGE, LO YOUNG CHAN, DISCUSSED WITH
EMBOFF FRENCH REACTIONS TO ROK JULY AIDE MEMORIRE ON
KOREAN QUESTION BEFORE UNGA, ROG FOREIGN MINISTER'S
AUGUST 20 STATEMENT, AND ROK AMBASSADOR'S DEMARCHES TO
QUAI OFFICIALS. LO SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HAD INVITED
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FRENCH TO PARTICIPATE IN SIX-NATION MEETING IN NEW

YORK TO WORK OUT STRATEGY FOR HANDLING KOREAN PROBLEM BEFORE UNGA; FRENCH PERM REP EXPLAINED FAILURE TO ATTEND TWO SESSIONS (AUGUST 15 AND 23) AS RESULT OF LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS. ON AUGUST 27 QUAI DIRECTOR FOR ASIA FROMENT-MEURICE TOLD ROK AMBASSADOR THAT GOF HAD DECIDED NOT TO ATTEND SUCH MEETINGS. GOF PREFERRED BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS TO ONE SIDED MULTILATERAL TALKS. ROK SHOULD NOT INTERPRET GOF NON-PARTICIPATION AS LACK OF SUPPORT. FROMENT-MEURICE COMMENTED THAT RESULTS OF FRANCE'S BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WOULD PROBABLY BE VERY CLOSE TO THOSE OF NEW YORK STRATEGY MEETING.

2. FROMENT-MEURICE SAID THAT WHEN NORTH KOREAN REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA TALKED IN PARIS ON AUGUST 9 WITH QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ASIA, FRENCH GOT IMPRESSION THAT NORTH KOREANS WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT SOME COMPROMISE; THEY WOULD NOT INSIST ON FULL DEMAND FOR DISSOLUTION OF UNC AND WITHDRAWAL OF ALL US FORCES. FROMENT-MEURICE THEN APPARENTLY ENCOURAGED ROK TO BE THINKING OF "COMPROMISE"; CHARGE WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER FROMENT-MEURICE WAS REFERRING TO A COMPROMISE UNGA RESOLUTION OR WAS MERELY PICKING UP AIDE MEMOIRE PARAGRAPH REFERRING TO ROK WILLINGNESS TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS TO WORK OUT AN ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENT TO THE UNC, ONE WHICH WOULD BE MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AND COULD ASSURE THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN KOREA. FROMENT-MEURICE EXPRESSED THE PERSONAL VIEW THAT IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT A SOUTH KOREAN SIDE COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF ROK ARMED FORCES AND OF US ARMED FORCES TO REPLACE THE UNC ROLE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARMISTICE ENT.

3. FROMENT-MEURICE AND PERHAPS SOME OTHER FRENCH OFFICIALS MAY BE THINKING OF SOME ALTERNATIVE TO THE AUGUST 16 COMMUNIST SPONSORED RESOLUTION, A POSITION MORE FLEXIBLE THAN OPPOSITION TO ANY RESOLUTION ON KOREA. GOF MIGHT CONSIDER SOME RESOLUTION, SUCH AS REPETITION OF GENERAL PROVISIONS IN LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTION (MINUS LAST PARAGRAPH) WITH SOME GENERAL REFERENCE TO DISCUSSIONS IN UNSC ABOUT ALTERNATIVE

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TO UNC.

4. SINCE FRENCH WILL HOST MEETINGS OF UN EXPERTS SEPTEMBER 5 AND 6 (REF B) AND ASIAN EXPERTS SEPTEMBER 6, WE SHALL BE SEEING APPROPRIATE QUAI OFFICIALS NEXT WEEK. WE WOULD APPRECIATE UP DATE SOONEST ON STATUS OF ROK AND US THINKING.

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